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REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1816

1. SUMMARY: PREPARATIONS FOR ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE JUNE 21-25 ARE IN FULL SWING. INDICATIONS ARE THAT GOM'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE AT CONFERENCE WILL BE TO PRESERVE GOODWILL AND BUDDING SOLIDARITY DEVELOPED AT LAHORE SUMMIT, THEREFORE CONTEN- TIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING PHILIPPINE MUSLIM PROBLEM, ARE LIKELY TO BE DOWNPLAYED SOMEWHAT. NEVERTHELESS, THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE CORRIDOR LOBBYING FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING MUSLIM MINORITY PROBLEMS IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCREASED ARAB AID TO ISLAMIC NATIONS, AND PALESTINIAN CAUSE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING SPECIAL GOM SECRETARIAT SET UP FOR ISLAMIC FONMINS' CONF, REPRESENTATIVES OF 30 ISLAMIC NATIONS AT LAST COUNT WILL ATTEND K.L. MEETING, INCLUDING 14 FOREIGN MINISTERS AND CONFIDENTIAL

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3 DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS. REPRESENTATIVES OF SPECIAL INTEREST AND MINORITY GROUPS SUCH AS PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO), CAMBODIAN CHAM MUSLIMS, AND PROBABLY MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) OF PHILIPPINES WILL ALSO BE IN ATTENDANCE. SCHEDULE RELEASED BY CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT INCLUDES FOLLOWING EVENTS:

JUNE 19 - 1. MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO REFINE

AGENDA ITEMS AND FORMULATE PROPOSALS.

2. MEETING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION (ALGERIA, EGYPT, KUWAIT, LIBYA, PAKISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, SENEGAL, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, GUINEA AND SUDAN).
(NOTE: BOTH CLOSED SESSIONS.)

JUNE 20 - ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS.

JUNE 21 - OPENING SESSION; SPEECH BY MALAYSIAN PRIME MINISTER, TUN ABDUL RAZAK; SPEECH BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE (LIBYAN DELEGATE).

JUNE 22 - 1. FONMINS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION.

2. INSTALLATION OF CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND RAPPORTEUR.

3. LUNCHEON GIVEN BY KING.

4. FONMINS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION.

5. DINNER AND CULTURAL SHOW GIVEN BY MALAYSIAN DELEGATION.

JUNE 23 - 1. FONMINS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION (ALL DAY).

2. DINNER BY SULTAN OF SELANGOR.

JUNE 24 - 1. FONMINS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION (ALL DAY).

2. DELEGATES ATTEND "DEVELOPMENT FAIR" AND
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EXHIBITION.

JUNE 25 - 1. FONMINS MEET IN CLOSED SESSION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS AND CONFERENCE STATEMENTS.

2. BRIEFING ON GOM DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

3. CLOSING DINNER GIVEN BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN ONN.

JUNE 26, 27 -- DEPARTURE AND POST-CONFERENCE TOURS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND TOURIST ATTRAC-
TIONS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY GOVT DELEGATIONS AND ACCREDITED

OBSERVERS (E.G. PLO) WILL BE ALLOWED IN CONFERENCE HALL, BUT THAT INFORMAL OBSERVERS SUCH AS MNLF, CAMBODIAN MUSLIMS, REPRESENTATIVES OF RELIGIOUS AND WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. WILL BE ALLOWED GENERAL ACCESS TO CONFERENCE SITE (HILTON HOTEL) AND MAY MEET INFORMALLY WITH GOVT REPRESENTATIVES. CONFERENCE SECRNFRIAT WILL BE MANNED JOINTLY BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT FROM JIDDA (INCLUDING SEVERAL EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICERS ON LOAN TO SECRETARIAT) AND MALAYSIAN HOSTS. GOM HAS CO-OPTED SERVICES OF LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER GOVT OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MANY NON-MUSLIMS, FOR OCCASION WHICH HAS BROUGHT OTHER FOREIGN MINISTRY BUSINESS TO NEAR STANDSTILL. VISIBLE SIGNS OF PREPARATIONS INCLUDE SEVERAL LARGE WELCOME ARCHES OVER MAIN ROADS AROUND K.L. AND INSTALLATION OF SPECIAL FACILITIES AT AIRPORT. GOM HAS FEW ARABIC SPEAKING OFFICERS, AND ACCORDING TO MOFA PROTOCOL OFFICER, TEACHERS FROM ISLAMIC SCHOOLS ARE BEING TAKEN ON AS ESCORTS AND GUIDES. COMPETENCE IN FRENCH ALSO THIN IN GOM, AND MOST WITH THIS SKILL ARE YOUNG WOMEN. GOM PROTOCOL HAS DECIDED THAT THERE MIGHT BE "MISUNDERSTANDINGS" IF THEY WERE ASSIGNED INDIVIDUALLY TO ARAB DELEGATES AND WILL USE THEM FOR SECRETARIAT DUTIES. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ALSO BEING MADE FOR UGANDA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, PWY WOMAN LEADER OF DELEGATION.

4. PAVING WAY FOR PLO PARTICIPATION AT CONF, GOM JUNE 15
FORMALLY RECOGNIZED RE-DESIGNATION OF AL FATAH OFFICE HERE
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AS OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. PLO REPRESENTATIVE WILL CONTINUE TO BE YUSOF ABDUL KARIM ABU HANTASH AKA ABU YAACOB WHO HAS BEEN IN MALAYSIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS (KL 1374 NOTAL).

5. REGARDING SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, INFORMED OBSERVERS HAVE TOLD US THAT GOM IS CONCENTRATING ON MAINTAINING ATMOSPHERE OF GOODWILL AND BUDDING SOLIDARITY EVIDENCED AT LAHORE SUMMIT AND IS SEEKING TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (IDB), SPEARHEADED BY TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, WILL ALSO HAVE PROMINENT ROLE, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT MECHANICS OF BANK'S OPERATIONS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY WORKED OUT; IN THIS RESPECT, LEGAL COUNSEL OF ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SPENT SEVERAL DAYS HERE LAST WEEK CONSULTING WITH TUNKU AND MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED LEGAL ADVISER OF IDB. OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED BY FON-MINS INCLUDE: RENAMING SECRETARIAT "ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION"; CELEBRATION BY ISLAMIC NATIONS OF ANNUAL "CHARTER DAY" TO HIGHLIGHT MUSLIM UNITY; AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PAN-ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS PROPAGATION AND WELFARE FUND.

6. COMMENT: APPARENT GOM DESIRE TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS ISSUES,

AT SAME TIME FURBISHING OWN IMAGE AMONG ISLAMIC NATIONS, MAY EXTEND TO SOFTPEDALING PHILIPPINE MUSLIM AND THAI MUSLIM SEPARATIST ISSUES. RE PHILIPPINES, QUICK ACCREDITATION OF NEW PHIL AMBASSADOR YUSUP ABUBAKAR, WITH ATTENDANT PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN INCLUDING POSTER DISPLAYS AND WIDE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON PHILIPPINE MUSLIMS, AS WELL AS APPARENT INDONESIAN DISPOSITION NOT TO HAVE PHILIPPINE DISSENCE PLAYED UP, SEEM TO HAVE INFLUENCED GOM TO TAKE LOWER PROFILE ON THIS ISSUE THAN WE UNDERSTOOD INTENTION TO BE DURING EARLY PLANNING STAGES OF FONMINS CONF. IN ADDITION, GOM MAY BE GETTING MESSAGE THAT AT LEAST SEVERAL ISLAMIC NATIONS, INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA, HAVE LITTLE TASTE FOR FRACTIOUS DEBATE ON THIS QUESTION. UNDERHILL

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